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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD

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1. LYON LUCCHESI CONFIRMED IN TELECON TODAY THAT RAILROAD INSTITUTE HAS DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE POSTPONEMENT OF BID DEADLINE TO DECEMBER SIXTH. ANNOUNCEMENT IS PENDING APPROVAL BY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS WHO HERETOFORE INVOLVED AIRLINE PILOTS STRIKE.

2. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN BIDDING PROCEDURES OR SPECIFICATIONS, ACCORDING TO LYON. FORMAL RESPONSE WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK TO ALL CONSORTIA GIVING ANSWERS TO THE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS THEY PRESENTED.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN GERMAN EMBASSY, THE GERMAN CONSORTIUM BROUGHT UP WITH LYON THE QUESTION OF SUPPLIER FINANCING. HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ TOLD INSTITUTE NOT TO WORRY, GO AHEAD WITH PROJECT AND FINANCING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM GOVERNMENT BUDGET OR FIV. RAILROAD INSTITUTE UNDER THIS SCENARIO WOULD APPARENTLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FINANCING WHICH

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WOULD BE HANDLED BY MINISTRY FINANCE. NOTE:

UNDER PUBLIC CREDIT LAW, CARACAS A-129, ONLY DOLLARS
250 MILLION IN BORROWING WAS AUTHORIZED.

4. ACTION REQUEST: LYON POINTEDLY ASKED
EMBOFF WHETHER AMERICAN CONSORTIUM ACTIVELY
WORKING ON PROPOSAL. MEPD REQUESTED SOUND OUT
M-K AND REPORT BACK TO EMBASSY.

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